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Town of Vernon

Open Space Task Force

Minutes of Monthly Meeting August 9, 2010

Meeting Location: Vernon Police Station Community Room West Rd

Present: Tom Ouellette, Ann Letendre, chairperson

Guests: Gail Faherty, Amy Paterson

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

1.0 Approval of Minutes

Approval deferred to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Priority Parcel Preservation:

Talcott Property – Talcottville Gorge

Amy Paterson provided an update on discussions with the Talcott family's attorney.

Farmland Preservation – Strong Farm No report

Petrin property – No report

Tankerhoosen LLC Parcel Update – No report

Gunther Property – No report

Additional Open Space Parcel Evaluation – Two additional parcels under consideration, (1) confluence of the Tankerhoosen and Hockanum Rivers to be considered for inclusion in the OS Plan. (2) 60 Frontage Road, portion of land adjacent to the River (wetlands).

2.2 Open Space & Farmland Preservation Funding - Update

2.2.1 Local Funding – no change

2.2.2 State Funding - no change

2.3 Conservation Commission Activities –

2.3.1 Aquatic Invasives – Report of July 24th event will be forthcoming

2.3.2 POCD – no new activity

2.4 Update on 2009 Goals

2.4.1 OSTF Membership – We are down to four members. There have been no appointments forthcoming.

2.4.1.1 Resolution of OSTF status w/ Town, fill vacancies – Ann feels part of the lack of appointments on the part of Administration is the confusion of the OSTF authority – that is, whether or not it is a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission. Action still pending: Ann will try to get time with Administration to address it.

2.4.2 Public Education – Town Council presentation, local access presentation, publication of booklet, articles for Horizon, RR – Action still pending: Ann will call Joe Grabinski to do a piece for his cable program.

2.4.3 Support of Plan of Conservation & Development: Planimetrics has completed Booklet #5 on Development, and it is on the Town website.

2.4.4 Sponsorship – hikes, other? None

3.0 New Business – no new business

4.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Letendre, Co-chairperson

Signed copy sent to Town Clerk